(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. No such cable laying scam has come to the notice of the Department.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Complaints pending under Nalanda Telephone Exchange

3849. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone connection under Nalanda Exchange remain out of order for most of the time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of pending complaints under Nalanda Exchange which pertain to cable faults and since when; and

(d) by when these faults would be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Sir, telephone connections under Nalanda Telephone Exchange are generally working satisfactorily. However, sometimes due to cable cuts, cable theft and non-availability of commercial power supply etc. the services are affected.

(c) and (d) Ten telephone complaints are pending due to cable cut because of road widening works since 05.02.2007. All these telephones are likely to be restored by 15th May, 2007.

Electronic telephone exchanges in Bihar

3850. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges established in Bihar, district-wise; and

(b) the amount sanctioned/allocated during the last three years for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, district-wise details of electronic telephone exchanges of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) established in Bihar are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Amount sanctioned/allocated during the last three years for this purpose is as under:

Year	Amount Sanctioned/allocated
2004-05	Rs. 254.68 crores
2005-06	Rs. 264.82 crores
2006-07	Rs. 219.71 crores

Statement

District-wise details of electronic telephone exchanges established in Bihar

Sl.No.	District	No. of Exchanges
1.	Bhojpur	34
2.	Buxar	26
3.	Begusarai	39
4.	West Champaran	34
5.	Bhagalpur	43
6.	Banka	25
7.	Saran	35
8.	Siwan	33
9.	Gopalganj	21
10.	Darbhanga	57
11.	Gaya	49
12.	Aurangabad	27
13.	Jehanabad	17

Sl.No.	District	No. of Exchanges
14.	Nawada	23
15.	Arwal	09
16.	Vaishali	45
17.	Katihar	23
18.	Purnea	26
19.	Araria	17
20.	Khagaria	22
21.	Kishanganj	21
22.	East Champaran	55
23.	Munger	19
24.	Jamui	23
25.	Sheikhpura	14
26.	Lakhisarai	18
27.	Muzaffarpur	53
28.	Sitamarhi	29
29.	Sheohar	05
30.	Patna	80
31.	Nalanda	41
32.	Saharsa	29
33.	Supaul	22
34.	Madhepura	26
35.	Samastipur	51
36.	Rohtas	43
37.	Bhabhua	19
38.	Madhubani	49
	TOTAL:	1202